GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Raising of Dogs by NDRF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a squad of 160 dogs is being raised by the NDRF to aid its personnel in rescuing people trapped under debris in the aftermath of natural calamities like earthquake and cyclones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the further steps the Government is taking to induct more dogs into the squad to hone their capabilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (c): NDRF has a squad of 169 dogs, at present, for search of victims in collapsed structures due to earthquakes or other disasters to rescue people trapped under debris. The dogs are purchased in a phased manner as per authorization so that they can be trained in phased manner and do not retire together.

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